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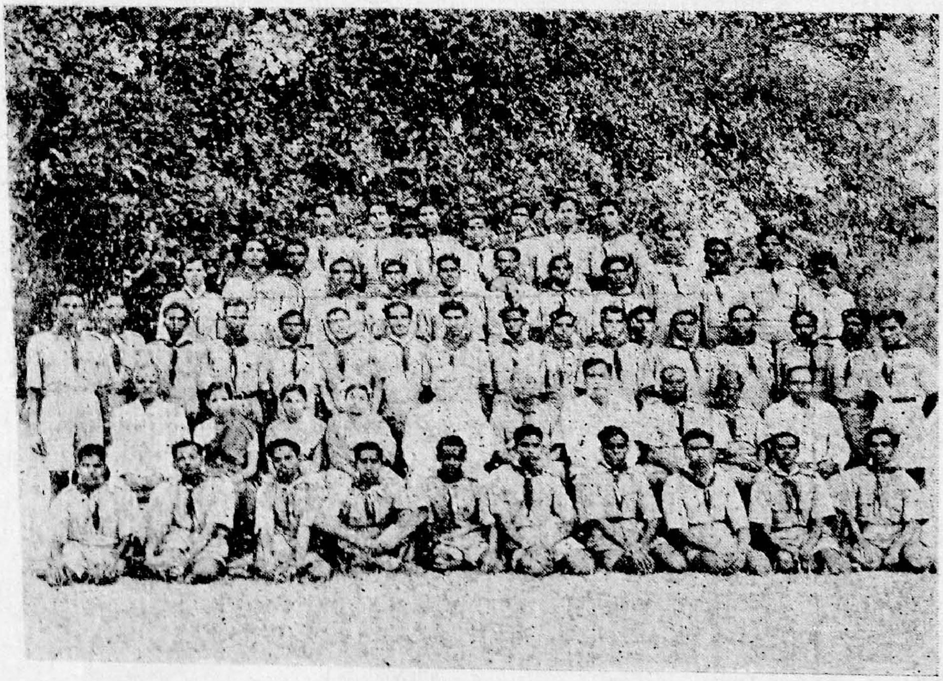

SCOUTMASTERS TRAINING CAMP
AT BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE, ADYAR
28th November '54 to 9th December 1954

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OURSELVES

1st December 1954. This day is an important day for Scouts and Guides, because on this day our former Commissioner Dr. G. S. Arundale who had done so much for establishing this Movement in India was born. We have always therefore observed his birth-day. What did Dr. Arundale stand for us. He is no longer with us, but we remember his great enthusiasm and dedicated service for our Movement. He was anxious to see that this movement was made Indian in every way, without losing the International aspect. He stood for a United Movement for both boys and girls, and we are today building on the foundations laid truly and well by him and other leaders like Dr. Besant, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and others. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is attempting to thoroughly Indianise and relate the movement to Indian youths.

The Training Commissioners Conference at Pachmarhi. The first step in this direction is that of holding a Training Commissioners Conference in the last week of this month, in Madhya Pradesh at the well-known hill station Pachmarhi which is to be the future All India Central Training Centre, for the purpose of "reviewing the policy of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in the past and formulating new schemes suited to the requirements of the times and of our free Country in particular for the future," in relation to Training schemes We publish elsewhere the rough programme of the Conference. Hitherto we have been having a scheme of Training based on the past schemes. Now it has become necessary to review the scheme and work done, and in the light of our experience introduce such changes as are necessary to make it really worthwhile. We do not want out-moded schemes or merely copy what is done in another country, however good it may be there. We should certainly evolve our own schemes which we alone can, and that is the work that is to be undertaken at Pachmarhi. We hope Madras will be represented in full numbers.

Madras Youth Rally. A Youth Rally consisting of the representatives of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, the National Cadet Corps, Students of the Girls Schools, Boys Schools and Corporation Schools will

be held on one of the days between 17th & 24th January 1955 at the Corporation Stadium in honour of our Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. A programme of 1½ hours will be gone through consisting of a review by the Prime Minister of the National Cadet Corps and the Scouts and Guides followed by demonstrations and displays by the participating bodies. Scouts and Guides numbering 600 to 1000 will put up displays by Groups at the place marked in the arena for 10 minutes, giving a general idea of Scout and Guide activities such as Pioneering, Signalling, First Aid, Games, Camp fire activities etc., etc. This will be done by the representatives of the Scouts and Guides of the Madras City. Mofussil Districts are requested to send representatives of Scouts and Guides to witness the Rally, the Districts themselves making the necessary arrangements for travel and stay at Madras. Such of those who are able to do so are welcome. The District Commissioners of Scouts and Guides in the City will meet at the State Headquarters at 6 P.M. on Monday the 20th December 1954 for considering details.

Himalaya Wood Badge Course (Cub). This Course was held at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, at Adyar from 22-11-54 to 28-11-54. 22 Cubmasters attended the Course and the whole course was done in the regional language (Tamil). This is the first of its kind after the merger. Out of 22 candidates 17 reached the required standard, the others have been adviced to attend another Course. New features were introduced such as Tamil Signalling, appreciation of jungle atmosphere through stories culled out from great Epics etc., etc. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner, Scouts presided over the Visitors' Evening function. Sri J. I. Muthiah assisted by Sri M. Ram Mohan was in charge of the Course. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy took instructional classes and also helped as the Secretary of the Camp. Sri K. Madhavan of the State Headquarters served as the Quartermaster of the Camp.

Community Projects. The City Scouts under the direction of the Madras Divisional Council and the supervision of Sri T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner will lay a road of 5½ furlongs connecting the main road to the Saligram Village near Kodambakkam for the benefit of the Seva Samajam Boys Home (for destitute children) for which a land has been assigned by the Government in Saligram Village, during the Christmas holidays. A very useful way of spending the holidays. It is suggested that during the Summer holidays each District in our State should take up atleast 2 Projects which will be for 3 weeks when batches of 300 Scouts will join the service. The District Commissioners are requested to consult the local Community Project authorities and the Block Development Officers and select projects, and communicate the same to the State Headquarters with the estimate of funds necessary for carrying out the projects in all its details. This will be forwarded to the Government for sanction of the required amount. A circular regarding this will be issued in due course.

—*Editor*

PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR PACHMARHI TRAINING COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Sunday 26th December 1954: 0800 Breakfast, 0900 Prayers; 0930-1100 Session at Camp 11 Coffee, 1230 Lunch, 1400 Leave Camp in bus Sambourne Caves and Ancient Cave Paintings, 1415 De—bus, 1415-1445 walk to Sambourne Caves 1¼ m; 1500-1600 Session at Sambourne Caves. 1600-1630 Walk back to bus 1¼ m; 1630-1700 Tea. 1700 Em-bus 1730 Back in Camp; 2000 Dinner; 2130-2200 Lantern Slides

Monday 27th: 0800 Breakfast; 0845 Prayers; 0900 Leave Camp in bus. 0915 De-bus Rich Garh Road 0915-0930 Walk to Rich Garh 1/4 m. Rich Garh 0930-1030 Session at Rich Garh. 1030-1115 Walk back to Camp 1½ m. 1115 Coffee in Camp 1230 Lunch; 1400 Leave Camp by bus Handikho & Forsyth Point. 1415-1430 Handikho; 1445 De-bus on Mahadeo Road; 1445-1500 Walk to Forsyth Point 1/4 m 1500-1630 Session at Forsyth Point. 1630-1700 Tea at Forsyth Point. 1700 Em-bus. 1730 Camp 1830-1930 Session in Camp 2000 Dinner

Tuesday 28th: 0800 Breakfast; 0845 Prayers; 0900 Em-bus. 0915 Walk to Crump Crag 1/4 m 0930-1100 Session Crump Crag. 1100 Coffee at Crump Crag 1115 Em-bus; 1145 Arrive Camp; 1230 Lunch; 1400 Em-bus. 1415 De-bus 1415-1445 Walk to Irene Pool 1/2 M with short climb. Irene Pool 1500-1600 Session; 1600-1630 Tea; 1630-1745 Walk back to Camp 2 m; 1830-1930 Session in Camp; 2000 Dinner; 2130-2200 Lantern Slides.

Wednesday 29th: 0800 Breakfast; 0845 Prayers, 0900 Em-bus Dhup Garh 0930 De-bus foot of Dhupgarh. 0930-1030 Climb up to Dhupgarh 3/4 m. 1100-1230 Session 1230 Lunch at Dhup Garh. Fraser's Gully 1400-1430 Walk down to Fraser's Gully 1¼ m; 1430-1530 Session at Fraser's Gully Christopher Corner 1600 Tea at Christopher Corner 1630-1700 Walk to bus 1/2 m. 1700 Em-bus; 1730 Arrive Camp; 1830-1930 Session in Camp 2000 Dinner.

Thursday 30th: An all day picnic.

The National Commissioner and the Chief Commissioner (Scouts) will attend the Conference.

THE LIST OF DCCs AND ADCCs—MADRAS STATE

Scout Section

Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Scouts)

1. Sri P. Srinivasan, Tanjore.
2. ,, A. D M Prakasam, Tiruchirappalli.
3. ,, K. Varadarajan, Salem.
4. ,, R Messiah Doss, Chingleput
5. ,, George B Ambrose, Southern Railway.
6. ,, S M. A Samad, Madras
7. ,, D. S. Mathias, Madras
8. ,, K. Balakrishnan, Tanjore.
9. ,, Mohamed Nooruddeen, Madras
10. ,, James D Isaac, N Arcot.
11. ,, John Jayaraj, Madras

Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs: (Cubs)

1. Sri K S Sundaresan, Nannilam.
2. ,, J. D Asirvatham, Mathurai.
3. ,, P. V. Ramakrishna, Mathurai.
4. ,, P. S. Ranganathan, Salem
5. ,, M. Ram Mohan, Madras.
6. ,, D. Theodore, Madras.
7. ,, A. Swayambu, Tanjore.
8. ,, S. Arulanandam, Coimbatore.
9. ,, V. P. Ramaswamy, Nilgiris.
10. ,, K Varadharajan, Tanjore.

Deputy Camp Chiefs:	*Section*
1. Sri V S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary	C — S — R
2. ,, M. Rajagopalan, State Org. Commissioner	C — S — R
3. ,, J I Muthiah, State Org. Commissioner	C — S — R

Guide Section

1. Miss G R. Samuel, Madras (B G R.) Headquarters Commissioner (Training)

Assistant Deputy Camp Chief:

1. Miss S P Durairaj, Jt State Org Commi., Madras (B.G R)

Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Bulbuls):

1. Miss G. Joseph, Madras.
2. ,, L Vedanayakam, Madras
3. ,, S. Gnanamanickam, Mathurai.
4. Mrs A Gurupatham, N. Arcot.
5. Mrs Gopichandra, Madras.
6. Miss M Lily Josephine, Madras.
7. Mrs S Chellammal Madras.
8. Miss C John, Tirunelveli.

Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Guides):

1. Miss S Bakkiamuthu, Madras.
2. ,, S. Gnanamanickam, Mathurai.
3. ,, L Vedanayakam, Madras.
4. ,, M Phanuel, Madras
5. ,, A. Sakuntala, Madras.
6. Mrs. D. Venkatarangam, Madras.

Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (Rangers):

1. Miss G Shadrach.
2. Miss A. Lazarus.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THE YEAR 1954-55

District Commissioners (Guides)

Warrant No.	Name	Area
27/ 4-10-54	Miss. Saraswathi Madhava Raja	South Malabar. Dt.
28/13-11-54	Mrs. Rani Manuel	South Arcot Dt.
29/19-11-54	Mrs. R. Seethalakshmi	Salem Dt.
30/29-11 54	Miss. Grace Solomon	Chingleput Dt.

Asst. District Commissioners (Guides)

35/14-10-54	Mrs. G. Arulanandham	Coimbatore
36/13-11-54	Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke	Nilgiris
37/24-11-54	Miss. Christiane John	Palamcottah

District Commissioner (Scouts)

46/3-12-54	Sri T. K. Venkiteswaran	N. Malabar Dt.

Asst. District Commissioners (Scouts)

182/25- 9-54	Sri K. I Pappachan	Walluvanad
183/27- 9-54	Sri A. V. Ramanathan	Mayuram Taluk
184/27- 9-54	Sri B. S. Bhaskar Rai	S. Kanara Dt.
185/16-10-54	Sri V. Seranthiah Pillai	Salem
199/ 7-12-54	Sri A. Muthukumarasami	Cuddalore Taluk
200/ 7-12-54	Sri P.R. Srinivasan	Cuddalore Town

The following Block Development Officers who underwent training as Commissioners in the recent camp held at Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from 28-10-54 are appointed as

Assistant District Commissioners (Scouts)

186/ 3-12-54	Sri S. M. Md. Sulaiman	Tiruppur Block
187/ 3-12-54	Sri X. I. Cruz	Sankarankoil Block
188/ 3-12-54	Sri P. Somasundaram	Perambalur Block
189/ 3-12-54	Sri G. Krishna Panikkar	Tellicherry Block
190/ 3-12-54	Sri P B. Unmai Udayar	Tiruvannamalai Block
191/ 3-12-54	Sri R. Alagia Manavalan	Panruti Block
192/ 3-12-54	Sri P. Ratnasami	Chinnasalem Block
193/ 3-12-54	Sri M Arunachala Nadar	Thiruthuraipoondi Block
194/ 3-12-54	Sri P. Sankappa	Manjeshwar Block
195/ 3-12-54	Sri P. I Subramania Pillai	Ootacamund Block
196/ 3-12-54	Sri V Venkataswami	Kuruvikulam Block
197/ 3-12-54	Sri D. Paul Dana Raj	Sivakasi Block
198/ 3-12-54	Sri V. Murugesan	Srivilliputhur Block

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY.
State Secretary.

VALUE OF SCOUTING

RAJA OF RAMNAD'S ADVICE

THE Raja of Ramnad, Minister for Public Works, declared open a playground and inaugurated a seminar on "Community recreation and camping" at the headquarters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Madras State in the "Wenlock Park", Triplicane, last evening. (16—11—54).

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabapathy, State Secretary, said that it was out of the grant given by the Central Social Welfare Board that they were able to establish a children's playground there with the necessary minimum equipment to enable a large number of children to take advantage of it. Besides the boys and girls of the age of 7 to 11 enrolled as cubs and bulbuls, there were younger ones who also came and watched their activities. To provide for the young children who were not yet ready to become cubs, this children's playground was decided upon. It was their desire to make the place more attractive by the provision of a swimming pool, an open-air theatre and a guest house. They needed the help of the Government in this respect, he added.

Mr. K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, welcoming the Minister, said that there had been a lot of agitation for children's play fields and there was a proposal to convert the foreshore into playfields.

Addressing the gathering, the Raja of Ramnad said that games formed a major part of the scouting activities and observed that at the present juncture in this country when they were striving to stand on their own legs, Scouting would go a great way in enabling them to achieve their cherished goal. Scouting inculcated the principle of universal brotherhood. They should all try to rise above petty quarrels, unite and try to think in terms of the motherland.

Referring to the value of play and recreation, the Minister said the idea of having playgrounds in the sea-front was very good, and wanted everybody to contribute towards that end. The Corporation and the Government should put their heads together and see that such a state of affairs came to fruition at a much quicker time. Many schools and colleges were suffering for lack of playgrounds.

It was on the playground, said the Minister, that they learnt the principles of democracy. Participation in games improved the physique of their youngmen. People of this country should also try to learn how to spend a holiday and realise that relaxation was an art.

Dr. H. D. Edgren, delivering the first of a series of three lectures on "The role and value of recreation" said that the future of their recreation programme would depend on them as leaders, their hopes and their vision. If they were going to teach what democracy was, he knew of no better way than allowing boys and girls to experience it. Scouting and Guide work was as much a part of education as the schools and colleges. In the Scout and Guide programme, he said, there was laughter, humour and joy.

"THE HINDU"

SEVEN DANGERS

THE following is part of a talk given by John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, England, to a training conference in Australia when he visited that country early this year. All the Australian States were represented, and it was estimated that a total of 75,000 miles was travelled by the Scouters in order to spend three days discussing the problems of Wood Badge Training—and some of us grumble if we are expected to make a journey of ten miles!

THERE are seven dangers I think Scouting has to be aware of:

1 COMPLACENCY ;—People thinking this kind of way: "We've been going for forty-five years, we've done fine job, therefore of necessity we must go on in this way" Let's remember and proclaim that work for

the boys of today can only be done by the men of to-day. I'm as proud as anyone of the past, but it doesn't do any work for us. I'm very proud of our traditions and record but all they can do is to inspire us for greater efforts in to-day's work. There is a much bigger job to-day than there ever was previously, and Australia is in need of Scouting for more to-day than it was when Scouting started. That is true of the rest of the world.

2. OVER-CENTRALIZATION—Now I'm not decrying the value of your Pan-Pacific Jamboree which was a great triumph, but to have too many of them and too often would I suggest be disastrous. The more I see of Scouting the more convinced I am that the really important thing is to provide an opportunity for an adult of good intentions and sound principles, to influence a crowd of boys, and everything we do should strengthen that opportunity.

Anything that we do to weaken that position we must somehow rule out. I do see something of a danger in the world in an effort to have too many big shows; of always taking boys AWAY from their Scoutmasters to something, instead of encouraging the Scoutmaster to take his boys off as a Troop, as Patrols, and do Scouting on that basis instead of on the grandiose one.

Another form of this danger is too such interference of Central authority with Troop and Pack Leaders; too many organised shows at all levels in District. County, Area, State, and Country.

There are so many things organized for the boys that there is no time left for the Scouter to run his Troop. We must stimulate effort at the working face—in Troops and Packs. The tendency so much to-day is "bring'em together, let's have a big show". Let us watch that Central Authority does not make it difficult for the Scouters to lead their Troops and Packs.

Linked with that is a danger of :

3 TOO MUCH ADMINISTRATION and not enough training. Yes, far too much administration I would suggest you look at your budges How much of your resources are you spending on training and how much administration Both have to be done, but lets's keep it in balance.

4. TAKING OURSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY :—It is a serious business, but one of its great successes has been the sheer fun of the game, both for the leaders and the led. In some countries there is a danger of thinking in psychological and educational terms, and immediately we do that, we lose our amateur status. And you know as amateurs we're tremendous, and as professionals, most of us ghastly. We are a complementary agency in the life of the boy, complementary to school, parents, church, and later to work.

5 DANGER OF BECOMING TOO INBRED :—"That we ought to produce all our own leaders" Frankly I think this is a dangerous line of thought. We need men from outside with the different experience, and the man with the critical faculty which he brings fresh to our work.

I see danger in trying to produce all, or most, of our own leaders. If the right men are available from outside we can equip them through training Let us make welcome the newcomer.

6. DANGER OF BECOMING TOO RESPECTABLE :—I think we are tending to become too respectable anT becoming a nice movement for good boys, instead of being available to boys who need us.

Scouting started as a missionary movement in 1907 Economicaally boys are much better off than they were but spiritually and morally there are just as many poor boys needing Scouting.

7. ATTEMPTING TO MAKE EACH SUCCEEDING SCOUT SHOW BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE ONE BEFORE.

We must be conscious of the need in training not to try to start the next Course where we left off the last refusing to recognize the essential rightness of getting back to the foundations and building on those. It is human but wrong to try and out do everyone else.

There is a lesson from World Jamborees which threatened to become a travesty of the real objective which I feel is a vast gathering of Scouts camping as Scouts, and not an excuse for elaborate expensive, adult conceived schemes It is a place where boys should be doing things and enjoying doing them with a minimum of interference.

I think you should realise in Australia as further point on the unifying influence of Wood Badge training that there are only six or seven countries in which there is only one Scout Movement. This does not necessarily mean that Scouting is divided, but for racial or religious reasons there is often more than one Scout Assciations in the country, You are one of the very few that has a unified Scout Movement and I do hope you will keep it as one.

Let us finish on a bright note. In 1908 B-P was proclaiming with pride and joy a family of 3½ million Scouts in the world. To-day we can look on a movement of nearly 6 millions, because of its simplicity and continuing appeal to boys. Big in its appeal because in us he has a whole crowd of willing disciples, limited as individuals but in unity of tremendous strength.

It was not unthinkingly that I suggested that B-P should be regarded as the G S.M. of 1st Gilwell Park Group in perpetuity, because we are the custodians of his spirit There is no doubt that B-P did hit on some of the permanent truths of ways to appeal to and handle boys; that's why we should stick as closely as possible to the simplicity, to the fun and the enjoyment that he gave. It is important that the game that started in the country lanes of England is working at this very moment successfully in the Kalahari Desert, in the jungle of Malaya, in Canada The only people that can wreck Scouting are its leaders. If we become arrogant complacent or clever, then, and anly then, we may wreck it.

JAMBOREE—

OUR DISTRICTS AT WORK

SALEM

District Rally. At the Bharat Scouts and Guides Competitions and Rally held by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, on 21st November 1954 Sri N.D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner Scouts, took the salute at the March Past and reviewed the Scout & Guide Units along with Sri S V Lakshmana Ayyar, District Commissioner.

Sri V. C. Subbiah Goundar, Assistant Commissioner, Scouts, Coimbatore Division, hoisted the Flag, Earlier, Mr P. Sharfuddin, District and Sessions Judge welcomed the gathering.

Srimathi Savithri Sabhanayagam, wife of Sri P. Sabhanayagam. Collector distributed the Cups and Certificates to the winners in the competitions.

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner, invested Srimathi Seethalakshmi Ramaswami, with the warrant of District Commissioner for Guides for Salem

He said he was struck with the smart turnout of the Salem Scouts, Guides, Bulbuls and Cubs.

CHINGLEPUT

Conference of Scouters

The first annual meeting of the Saidapet Taluk Scout Association was held on 20th Nov. at the M. M. School premises at Alandur, with the President; Mrs. Ida Chambers, in the chair. Mr. A. Paul William. Secretary, read the annual report after which Mrs. Chambers was elected President. Messrs. P. T. Mudaliar, Lt. Col., Annaswami and Dr Khan, as Vice-Presidents, Mr. Paul William, Secretary, of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, then addressed the gathering on the role of scouters and guiders in New India.

There was a conference of scouters also. Mr. R. Messiah Doss, District Scout Commissioner,, Chingleput, presiding About 100 scouters from Saidapet taluk attended. Messrs. Ramakrishna Sastri, Deputy Inspector of Schools Saidapet, and D. S. Gururaj, Assistant District Commissioner spoke after which resolution were passed deciding to publish hand-book on Scouting in Tamil, to form Scouters' clubs at Tiruvottiyur, Alandur and Pallavaram and requesting the District Board to revive the post of District Scout Organiser.

Later, there was a public meeting presided over by Lt. Col. Annaswami when Mr. V.S. Ratnasabhapathy spoke on the training of children under the Bharat Scouts and guides Mr. Messiah Doss on the Scout movement with particular reference to character training. There was a variety entertainment

by the Scouts and Bulbuls of the locality followed by a fellowship dinner.

Miss S P. Durairaj, Joint State Organising Commissioner. Bharat Scouts and Guides addressing the trainees at the Junior Red Cross Counsellors' Training Course at Alandur, spoke on the relationship of Junior Red Cross to Scouting and Guiding. Mr. Messiah Doss presided.

NORTH MADRAS

The part that boy scouts could play in the execution of the Community Projects was emphasised by Mr. N. E. S. Raghavachari, Director of Community Projects, presiding over the 16th anniversary of the Gokhale Boy Scouts Group (North Madras) on 21st November 1954, at A R.C. School, George Town

Mr. M. Ram Mohan, founder of the Group, referred to its activities during the last 16 years and read messages wishing the function success

Mr. K. Ramiah Chetty, President of the Group. welcomed the gathering.

Mr. K Seshan read the annual report and Mr. C. V. Naidu, District Commissioner of Scouts (Chingleput North) spoke in appreciation of the activities of the Group.

Mr. Raghavachari, congratulated the members of the organisation for their good record of work. He said the aim of the Community Projects was to improve the lot of the villagers. By 1956 more than half the villages in Madras State would be provided with improved roads, adequate water supply and other amenities.

Mr. Raghavachari referred to the manner in which the scouts had worked in Malabar and in Tirukazhukundram and other places by laying roads and renovating tanks and said they could play a decisive role in the execution of the Community Projects. He felt their movement and work would enthuse the villagers to co-operate with the Government in expeditiously implementing the community welfare schemes.

Mr. K. R. Rajam proposed a vote of thanks.

SOUTH MALABAR

A Patrol Leaders' Camp was conducted by the Association from 23rd to 27th October 1954 at Palghat. 48 Scouts took the training. Sri. E. Narayanan Nair, Assistant District Commissioner was incharge of the Camp. Messrs. S. K, Nair and A. N. Vaidyanathan assisted in the camp.

MAYURAM—TANJORE

31 Scouters and 40 Scouts of the Mayuram Local Association served in the Peoples' Plan Stall of the Thula Festival Exhibition from 1st to 20th November 1954. The Scouters and Scouts were of help to the public in explaining the various plans of the River Valley Projects and Exhibits and the National Extension Scheme etc. Msssrs. A. V. Ramanathan and M. R. Rajagopalan, Assistant District Commissioner and Secretary respectively were in charge of the Service. 80 Scouts of the Mayuram Local Association rendered service in the Thula Ghat on Kadamugam day. Twentyone children including a Girl with jewels worth about Rs. 1,500/- were restored to their parents and nine Pick-pocketers were detected and handed over to the Police.

EAST MADRAS

70 Cubs of East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides participated in the HANDICRAFTS DAY conducted on Saturday, the 20th November 1954 at 2 P.M at Wenlock Park, Triplicane The Cubs were taught various methods of making paper, cardboard and clay models by Messrs. S. Thiruneelakantan and T. A. Jayaraman, Sri R. Elumalai, District Cub Master was in charge of the Programme

NILGIRIS

The Annual Meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Nilgiris was held at the Y.M C.A, Hall, Ootacamund, on Wednesday the 4th November 1954. Mr. H.C.M. McLaughlin presided.

Annual report presented by the Secretary and the Annual Statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer were adopted.

The District Collector as the President, Mr. R E. Maclaine Clarke, Sri B. K. Bella Gowder, Sri C. Balchand as Vice-Presidents. Mr. V. P Ramaswamy as District Secretary and Sri C. Govindan as Treasurer were elected.

Mr. Eric Willy and the Block Development Officers spoke on Scouting in Villages. The warrant to Mrs. R. E MacLaine Clarke, as Assistant District Commissioner for Guides was presented.

A resolutian was passed congratulating Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner for Scouts on his appointment as Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sri N R. Bojarajulu Naidu, District Commissioner proposed the vote of thanks.

TIRUNELVELI

Guides Rally—Tuticorin

A very successful Rally was held in the grounds of Somasundaram Training School, for Rangers, Guides, and Bulbuls on December 2nd, in which over 300 participated.

After the March Past, the salute being taken by Miss. Pakenham-Walsh District Commissioner, Guides, Mrs Ross who has always taken a keen interest in the Tuticorin Guides and was for 5 years Commissioner for Tuticorin, broke the Flag, and made a short speech congratulating the Guides on their smart turn out, and Mrs. Koilpillai, the Assistant District Commissioner, Guides on her good work for the Guides of Tuticorin.

Shield Competitions were then held for the 3 sections. Mrs Ross, Miss Pakenham Walsh and Mr. Luke Azir (Secretary) being the Judges.

An enjoyable Camp-fire and Sing-song followed, ending with a vote of thanks from Mr. Luke Azir, and Miss Pakenham-Walsh to all who had helped to make the Rally such a success.

G PAKENHAM-WALSH

District Commissioner (Guides)

MADRAS

Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Scout Group, S. K. P. D Boys High School, Madras camped at Tonakela on 13th and 14th of November 1954. The Patrol Leaders of the Group took advantage of the leaders Class run by the Buddha Scout Group there. They had a very enjoyable time and they are thankful to the Group President Sathrasala Venkataram for his encouragement.

TANJORE DISTRICT

Kumbakonam Local Association

The Scout Week was celebrated from 1st to 7th November 1954. Mr. K. S. Seshadry presided. Sri V. Narayanaswamy, M.A.L.T., Government College, took part.

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At a meeting held under the presidency of Sri K. S. Seshadry, Sri M. Rajagopalan addressed on " discipline and efficiency in the Movement " on 19th November 1954.

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10 Scouts and 2 Scouters ; and 30 Scouts and 3 Scouters, of the Kumbakonam and Papanasam Local Associations respectively rendered service at Swamimalai on Maha Krithigai Day.

V. PICHUMANI,

Secretary.

BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES SEMINAR

Lecture by Dr. Harry D. Edgren. Fulbright Professor to Madras, 1954-1955

I am speaking to you to night as Leaders of boys and girls, who have chosen to secure their recreation as scouts and guides. Yours is a real responsibility to help make that experience a significant one for each boy and girl. What then is this area of life we call *Recreation.*

It is the fourth " R " in Education and it is fifth freedom in Democracy.

Recreation is a basic function in our life along-side of Education, Health, Religion and Government. It is the natural expression of human interests and needs seeking satisfaction during one's leisure. It is related to the growth and development of the individual. Its characterstics are :—

1. It occurs in the leisure, free time of the people.
2. It is voluntary, no compulsion.
3. Satisfaction is in the doing.

Recreation means different things to different people. It is the meaning of the activity to the person that makes it significant. There are no major or minor activities in Recreation. To some it is an escape from boredom ; to some it is diversion from work, to others it is excercise and to some, recreative ; all of these are important.

The goal of recreation is the same as that of Education. It is the growth and development of one's personality to the optimum—as a citizen, to participate effectively in community, state, and Nation. It is a means and not the end, where Recreation differ.

Recreation uses, as a means, a great variety of activities and experiences It includes Dance, Music, Drama, Sports, Hobbies, Social Recreation, Camping and Nature activities.

What then are the potential values of Recreation :—

1. **Physical fitness :** bodily movements through games and sports is essential to proper functioning of all the vital systems of the body.

2. **Mental Health :** Recreation through development of friendship, release from [illegible] can contribute much to mental [illegible] World Psychiatrist says : " Too many people do not know how to play : inability and unwillingness to play, reveals insecure and disordered personality.

3. **Psychological Values : Sense of belonging :** which is so essential to the individual is one of the needs that can be met through experiences in teams, clubs, Dramatic and Musical Groups. The Arts and Crafts afford opportunities, for the development of the *sense of worth* through achievement. *Recognition* is gained through Group and Club membership and excellence of the performance in many recreational activities.

4. **Moral and Spiritual values :** In recreational activities where the individual subordinates himself to the group, learns to win with humility and lose graciously, can aid in the development of good sportsmanship, characteristic of a good citizen.

5. **Democracy :** By sharing in the development of the programme, accepting responsibility within the limits of ability and with democratic co-operative leaders each scout and guide can learn to understand, appreciate and believe in democracy.

These values are important to all boys and girls not only to the " aristocracy of ability. The loss able persons has the same needs hopes and aspirations. We have tended to cater to the 25% who already do well, and have ignored 75%. This is the group that needs our help.

If Recreation is nothing more than a sustaining power that makes work or school endurable, it would be worthy of our support. It can be more than relief from boredom. It can be the transforming power which makes life full and abundant.

In closing may I remind you that we are Educators providing stimulous and encouragement to people in all walks of life in the village and in the community. If we do our job, we could say as " Wang Wei " said when he was asked what is the supreme happiness here below He said " You ask me what is supreme happiness here below ; but this one thing I know. The supreme happiness here below is " watching a little boy going whistling down the road, after he has asked me the way ".

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Dear Mr. Venkataswamy Naidu,

Please for-give me for not having written sooner to thank you and all my Guide and Scout Friends for the very warm welcome you extended to me during my recent visit to Madras, beginning at the Quayside and throughout my stay and ending up with the very cordial send off at the Airport. Knowing what busy people all you are, I was more than touched at this demonstration of goodwill and I shall remember with gratitude all the kindness extended to me. Thank you all very much indeed

I had an equally busy time in Mysore and postponed my visit to Hyderabad to a later date so that I might not overdo things and have a set back.

I enjoyed meeting all the Guides and was very impressed by their smart turn out and enthusiasm It is quality rather than quantity that matters and you have every reason to be proud of the Madras Guide Section

Thank you for inviting me to attend the meeting of your State Executive Council It was a pleasure to meet them and to have the opportunity of pointing out to them how they can best help the Guide section. I am sure close study of A.P.R.O. will assist both sections in keeping to the rules of the same and once the Guides realize that there are many safeguards for them in this little book and the vital fact that the State Chief Commissioner and the State Secretary is as much THEIRS as of the Scouts there should be closer co-operation and harmony. And being in one building with such delightful surroundings should make it very easy.

I enjoyed every bit of my visit to Madras and have very happy memories of all my contacts with Guide and Scout friends. Please convey my very good wishes for every happiness and progress to all the Scouts and Guides in your State and tell them that we expect very great things from such an advanced State.

With warmest Guide greetings and very many thanks for your great kindness and goodwill.

Yours sincerely,
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Chief Commissioner (Guides) India

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Dear Friend,

The Bharat Scouts and Guides Diary 1955 is out from the press and will be ready for sale by the end of this month. This time the Diary appears in an improved form—in appearance, in size, in volume and in quality. It appears with a new title in two columns, seventeen half-tone photographs and with an additional thirty two pages. The Diary will, as usual, contain useful information for Scouts and Guides, Officers and Committee men. It has been printed under the direct supervision of our National Organising Commissioner at Allahabad. That should be a sufficient guarantee for the superior quality of the Diary. The press has brought it out in record time but at the same time they have maintained the standard of the get up.

We are trying to keep the price of the Diary as low as possible to enable a large number of Scouts and Guides to own a copy, but we are afraid that in no case will the price be lower than eight annas. There is no profit making motive behind it at all.

An imagination of the approximate number of copies that you will be requiring will help us considerably even in the matter of fixing the price. If the demand this year for the diaries happens to be greater than in the previous years, we will have to go in for a reprint which can be done without difficulty provided we know your requirements as early as you can manage it.

I would also like to bring to your notice that this is the only official publication of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Diary.

Yours sincerely,
K. G. VAIDYANATHAN
National Secretary.

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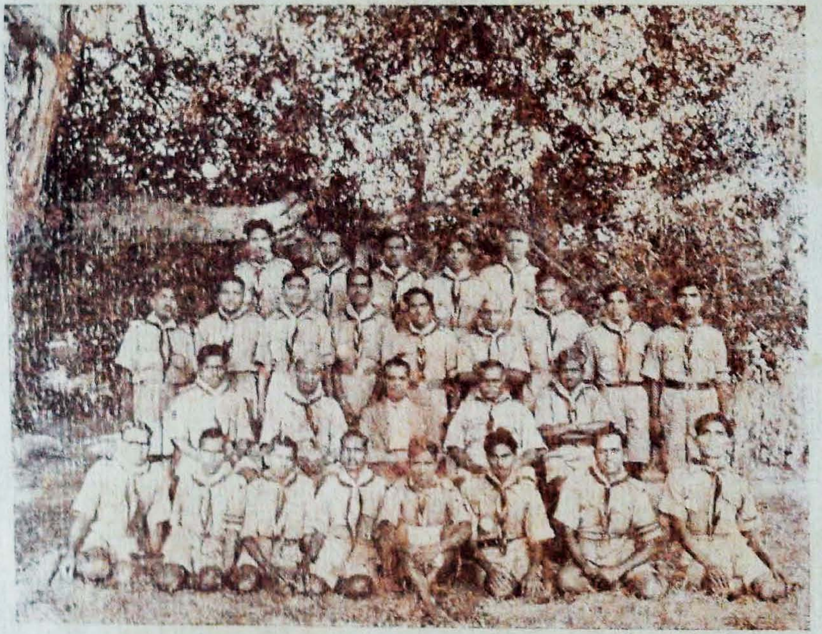

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